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WILLIAM N. STARKEY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE'S SUGAR AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS DIVISION

William N. Starkey, a veteran international economist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been appointed Director of the Sugar and Tropical Products Division in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

As Director of the Division, Mr. Starkey will have primary responsibility for data and analysis of the world production, supply and trade in sugar and tropical products.

Mr. Starkey has broad experience in international trade programs, analysis and negotiations. From 1968 to 1973, he represented the United States on the International Wheat Council and for a time was Chairman of this group—a steering body responsible for the International Wheat Agreement. He has performed many overseas assignments for FAS since joining that agency in 1954.

He is widely known in trade and agricultural circles for his work in international trade negotiations. He received FAS Certificate of Merit Awards in 1958, 1966, and 1969.

Mr. Starkey began his USDA career in 1948 as an Agricultural Economist with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington. He also served 5 years as a Farm Management Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) in Easton, Maryland, before joining FAS in its Grain and Feed Division. In 1968, he became Assistant to the Assistant Administrator, Commodity Programs.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Starkey received a B.S. degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942. He served with the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1947.

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